

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 29 July 1998
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Beavis and Butt-Head Yamahas
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: MTV Networks
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Trading Card
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The trading card entitled *Beavis and Butt-Head Yamahas* is classified as unrestricted.

The publication is a trading card printed in colour on light card. The front of the card is a cartoon depiction of American cartoon characters Beavis and Butt-Head dressed as Hasidic jews. The reverse of the card is taken up by text and small depictions of Beavis and Butt-Head. The text on the card is a small piece of commentary referring to the depiction on the front of the card, written using Beavis and Butt-Head's colloquial and juvenile language.

The trading card is intended to be a humorous and satirical collectable, appealing to fans of Beavis and Butt-Head and collectors of trading cards. The card derives its humour from the way in which Beavis and Butt-Head deal with religion, the manner of which is potentially offensive but any person with this level of maturity viewing the card would be able to appreciate its lack of seriousness, and its humorous intent. It is therefore considered that its availability would not be likely to cause anything more than offence, as opposed to injury. The likelihood of injury is reduced even further by the fact that the card is sold in a sealed foil bag. These bags provide a further barrier to purchasers of the card, especially the very young. Therefore in light of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 the trading card must be made available to the widest possible audience.

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